

**Death Rates:** Heart Disease, Cancer, and Cerebrovascular Disease have remained the 3 leading causes of death from 1992 to 2002 for the county, state and nation alike. Yet, these rates remain significantly lower in Gallatin County compared to both the state and nation rates. These rates illustrate the immense loss that occurs from chronic diseases. However, such findings do not minimize the other types of death rates found in Gallatin County:

#### Leading Causes of Death, 1992

Cause of Death	Rate		
	Gallatin	Montana	U.S.
Heart Disease	103.7	231.2	281.4
Cancer	116.7	207.6	204.1
Cerebrovascular D.	44.4	60.8	56.4
COPD	37.0	56.2	36.0
Accidents	33.3	48.4	34.0
Pneumonia/Influenza	24.1	32.5	29.7
Diabetes	11.1	19.9	19.6
Suicide	13.0	18.3	12.0
Atherosclerosis	18.5	10.0	*
Chronic Liver D.	0.0	9.1	*

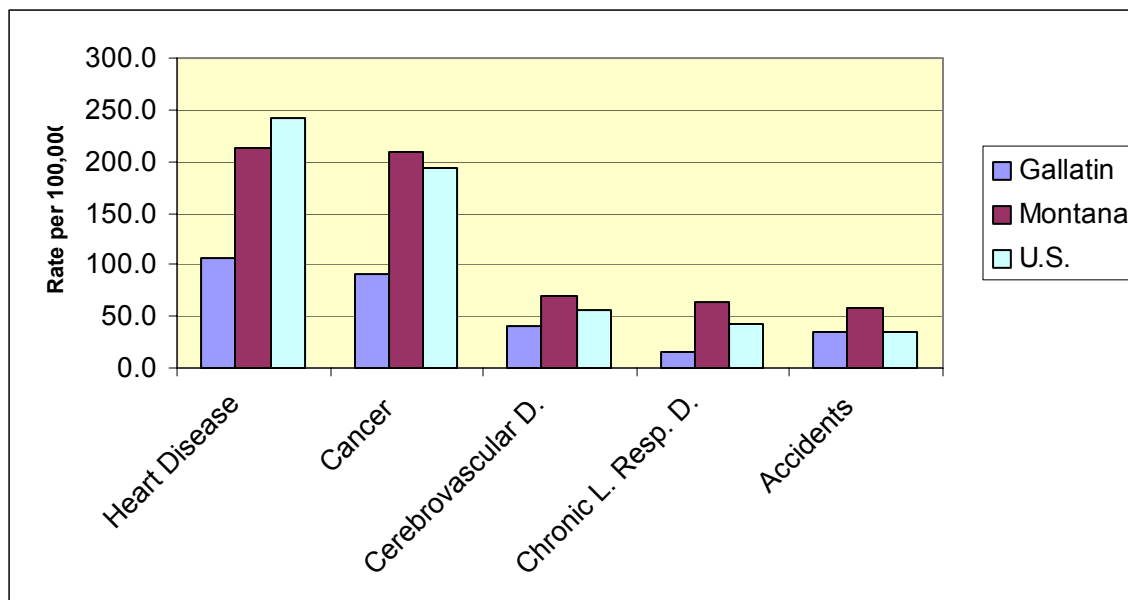
#### Leading Causes of Death, 2002

Cause of Death	Rate		
	Gallatin	Montana	U.S.
Heart Disease	106.7	212.3	241.3
Cancer	91.3	209.0	193.8
Cerebrovascular D.	40.7	70.2	56.5
Chronic L. Resp. D.	15.4	63.0	43.5
Accidents	35.1	57.5	35.5
Alzheimer's Disease	23.9	31.2	20.4
Pneumonia/Influenza	21.1	27.9	22.9
Diabetes	11.2	23.2	25.4
Suicide	15.4	20.0	*
Chronic Liver D.	4.2	13.6	*

Source: 1992 and 2002 Montana Vital Statistics; National Center for Health Statistics

Note: Death rates are shown per 100,000 estimated population. Asterick (\*) denotes category did not make the top ten rank.

#### 2002 Top Five Leading Causes of Death



Source: 2002 Montana Vital Statistics; National Center for Health Statistics